



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/716,474 Confirmation No. 6873

Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al

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Title : A CROSS-CONTAMINATION PREVENTION SYSTEM AND AUTOMATIC ANALYZER WHICH EQUIP FOR IT

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Examiner : M.S. Meyers

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and appropriate fee also accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Appendix including the certified priority document (JP 2002-337355) is attached following page 11 of this paper.